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SUBJ: PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MEETING OF INDO-US JOINT SUBCOMMISSION

ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - JANUARY 27-29, 1976

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1. THE PROPOSED TEXT OF THE S&T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING AGENDA AS PREPARED BY THE INDIAN DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST) IS SET FORTH BELOW. THE AGENDA HAS BEEN SENT TO THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BY CABLE FOR DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE SEVENTEEN RESEARCH PROPOSALS LISTED IN THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMISSION. WE ASSUME THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH MATCHING PROPOSALS FROM THE VARIOUS US AGENCIES. THE US RESEARCH PROPOSAL SHOULD BE POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, FOR OUR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION WITH DOST OFFICIALS AND INDIAN SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS METHOD OF TRANSMISSION IS PREFERABLE BECAUSE OF SLOW INDIAN COMMUNICATIONS.

2. THE INDIANS HAVE ADDED TWO RESEARCH

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AREAS--ONE IN REMOTE SENSING, AND THE OTHER IN ASTRONOMY.

BY NEXT WEEK, THERE WILL ALSO BE ONE HEALTH PROJECT ADDED IN THE AREA OF STROKE AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, AND ONE OR TWO ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS IN THE AREA OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND AIR POLLUTION. THE INDIAN MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMISSION WILL HAVE A MEETING ON DECEMBER 20 TO REVIEW THESE PROJECTS IN DETAIL AFTER WHICH THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND, AT THE SAME TIME, COPIES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMISSION ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE INDO-US JOINT
SUBCOMMISSION TO BE HELD FROM 27-29 JANUARY 1976

AGENDA

1. TO RECEIVE THE AGREED MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION
OF THE INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION.

2. TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF PL-480
SUPPORTED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE
SUBCOMMISSION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANNELING THESE
FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF SUCH PROJECTS WHICH FALL UNDER THE
HIGH PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE SUBCOMMISSION (THESE
COULD BE DONE BY RESERVING A PORTION OF FUNDS FOR SELECTED
PROJECTS IN EACH OF THE AREAS.

3. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS FOR INDO-US ABOPERATION
IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

AGRICULTURE

(A) HYDROLOGICAL STUDIES OF SMALL WATERSHEDS WITH
SPECIAL REFERENCE TO REDUCTION OF SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION
AND EVALUATION OF CRITERIA FOR SOIL CONSERVATION,
STRUCTURES, RUN-OFF RESERVOIRS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM FOR
AREAS WITH DIFFERENT VEGETATIVE COVERAGE AND LAND USE.

(B) FORESTRY MANAGEMENT AND FORESTRY RESEARCH FOR
INTENSIVE PLANTATION FOR SALT PULP-WOOD FOR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS,
PLANT ROOTS AND ENERGY PLANTATIONS (PROPOSAL AWAITED).

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ENERGY

(A) PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF COAL GASIFICATION.

(B) COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SOLAR ENERGY UTILIZATION, E.G.,
SELECTIVE COATED SOLAR COLLECTOR SURFACES.

(C) UTILIZATION OF WIND POWER FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES.

(D) POWER SYSTEMS PLANNING, OPERATION, CONTROL AND

OPTIMISATION STUDIES.

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

(A) COLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE (NTIS).

(B) COLLABORATION WITH THE SMITHSONIAN SCIENCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

(C) JOINT SEMINARS ON NATIONAL SCIENCE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

(A) COOPERATION ON TECHNIQUES AND INSTRUMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING.

HEALTH

(A) IMMUNO-PROPHYLAXIS OF MALARIA.

(B) IMMUNO-PROPHYLAXIS OF FILARIA.

(C) RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR DELIVERY HEALTH SERVICE.

ELECTRONICS

(A) RELIABILITY EVALUATION AND LIFE TESTING OF PASSIVE AND ACTIVE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS UNDER TROPICAL AND TEMPERATE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

(B) CHARACTERISATION OF MATERIALS REGARDING PURITY AND PERFECTION, AS ALSO FAILURE ANALYSIS OF ELECTRONIC MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS.

REMOTE SENSING

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(A) NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION - NATIONAL REMOTE SENSING AGENCY - COOPERATION IN REMOTE SENSING.

ASTRONOMY

(A) MILLI-METRE WAVE ASTRONOMY IN COOPERATION WITH CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

4. TO CONSIDER THE METHODOLOGY AND PROCEDURE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT PROGRAMS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS FOR:

(A) CLEARANCE OF JOINTLY AGREED-UPON ACTIVITIES,

(B) FINANCING OF JOINT PROJECTS, E.G., JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMMES, BINATIONAL SEMINARS AND OTHER SPECIALIZED

MEETINGS.

(C) IDENTIFICATION OF FOCAL AGENCIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES IN
RESPECTIVE AREAS FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATING THE
PROGRESS OF IMPELEMENTATION.
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